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Amount brought up	$9,479 78
Emanuel James, 7 coffins	30 25
Charles Oswald, 1 coffin	12 00
Joseph Bebe, 1 coffin	12 00
F. J. Parrish, 1 coffin and funeral	22 01
P. F. Custer, 1 coffin	14 00
F. Arble, 1 coffin	12 00
J. R. Cooper, funeral expenses	8 75
John Lysath, funeral expenses	8 70
James Lynch, digging 7 graves	17 60
John Wagner, digging grave	1 50
J. Sternberger, digging grave	1 00
J. H. Fisher, Esq., justice's fees	27 10
J. W. Condon, Esq., justice's fees	1 00
Thos. McKernan, Esq., justice's fees	4 00
J. R. Fiske, Esq., justice's fees	2 80
R. Kirkpad, Esq., justice's fees	8 05
E. J. Waters, Esq., justice's fees	1 00
Wm. Flattery, Esq., justice's fees	5 70
Charles Buxton, Esq., justice's fees	3 00
A. Walters, Esq., justice' fees	4 00
H. Scanlan, Esq., justice's fees	3 60
F. J. Parrish, Esq., justice's fees	2 80
John Cox, Esq., justice's fees	6 30
John Brady, Esq., justice's fees	20 80
J. S. Strayer, Esq., justice's fees	39 60
John T. Harris, constable fees	25 25
Robert Litzinger, constable fees	7 20
Henry Varner, constable fees	7 45
J. B. McCreight, constable fees	15 80
P. B. Smith, constable fees	2 90
J. W. Gray, constable fees	15 85
J. A. Gates, constable fees	8 50
John Lysath, constable fees	2 00
A. B. Davis, constable fees	8 00
Timothy Davis, constable fees	10 55
M. B. Metzgar, in constable fees	8 00
Patrick Rodgers, constable fees	10 37
Mrs. Cain, allowance	12 00
Francis Helstern, allowance	98 00
Mary Shehan, allowance	64 00
Margaret Hughes, allowance	10 00
Eva Pfoff, allowance	56 00
Margaret Smith, allowance	56 00
Ellen Smith, allowance	60 00
Mrs. Coburn, allowance	96 00
Mrs. McBride, allowance	78 00
Mrs. Loberick, allowance	9 00
Mrs. McFall, allowance	56 00
Jas. Davis and wife, allowance	52 00
Elizabeth Replogle, allowance	15 00
James Sutton, allowance	18 00
Edward McAtamney and wife, allowance	19 50
Henry Boyer, allowance	20 00
Mr. Lycam, allowance	48 00
Ed. McCullough, allowance	47 00
Mrs O'Donnell, allowance	56 00
James Byrne, allowance	12 50
Mrs. Goin, allowance	20 00
Mrs. W. H. allowance	16 00
Mrs. Nagle, allowance	10 00
Alex. McMullen, all wance	16 00
John Newmyer, allowance	10 00
Mrs. O'Brien, allowance	6 00
Peggy Smith, allowance	16 25
James Plunkett, allowance	5 00
R. Swinehart, allowance	5 00
B. McMullen, allowance	4 00
Mrs. Barnacle, allowance	3 00
Mrs. Glauber, allowance	4 00
Mrs. T. McBreen, allowance	6 00
Rev. T. Vaneyce for S. A. Stephens, allowance	80 00
Michael Exner, for Christina Gill, allowance	78 00
	$11,091 99

STATEMENT.

Am't of orders paid by N. J. Freidhoff, Esq., Treasurer	$10,652 22
FROM WHICH DEDUCT:	
Orders for claims prior to Jan. 1, 1876	$ 6 35
Diamond H. spiral	1,595 40
Expenses attending Convention P. H. D	37 60
Conveying O. D. P. to House	21 05
Physicians, O. D. P.	319 82
Counsel, O. D. P.	35 00
Monthly allowances to O. D. P.	1,327 25
Out door relief, rent, boarding and nurses, O. D. P.	562 11
Coffins and funeral expenses, O. D. P.	324 46
Transportation and Directors, et. al. services, O. D. P.	619 04
Livery, O. D. P.	17 00
Justice and Constable fees	246 42
Lumber, masonry and carpenter work, new buildings, &c.	197 92—5 330 32
Net expenses of house & farm for 1876.	$5,342 90

REPORT of I. Lilly, Esq., Steward of Cambria County Poor House:

STOCK ON FARM—3 horses, 8 cows, 41 sheep, 7 hogs, turkeys and chickens.

PRODUCTS OF FARM—25 tons hay, 800 bushels oats, 600 bushels ear corn, 850 bushels potatoes, 800 heads cabbage, beets, beans, tomatoes and parsnips, 80 pounds wool, 800 bushels apples, &c.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &C.—One four horse wagon, 1 carriage 4 horse, 1 two horse-cart, 3 light sleds, 1 log sled, threshing machine, mowing machine, cider mill, grain drill, cutting box, hay rake, hay fork, cultivator, 3 ploughs, 3 harrows, 3 grain cradles, 5 scythes, rakes, forks, shovels, chains, axes, saws, hoes, 6 sets horse gear, 1 set buggy harness, 3 saddles, 1 spring wagon, &c.

MANUFACTURED IN THE INSTITUTION 12 barrels soft soap, 600 pounds soap, 125 gallons apple butter, 8 barrels cider, 210 quarts canned fruit, preserves, jellies, pickles, &c.; slaughtered 1,500 pounds pork, 500 pounds veal and 500 pounds mutton; made up 51 shirts, 51 dresses, 25 aprons, 37 chemises, 15 petticoats, 15 women's caps, 7 barrounds, 16 pairs pantaloons, 60 pillow slips, 20 pillows, 29 sheets, 8 bolsters, 11 ticks, 12 towels, 17 pairs mittens, 35 pair socks, 25 pair stockings, 6 infant's slips, 12 child's dresses and 10 child's petticoats.

ARTICLES ON HAND 3,000 pounds pork, 1,000 pounds beef, 600 pounds lard, 150 pounds tallow, 300 bushels corn, 200 bushels oats 10 bushels buckwheat, 20 tons hays, 350 bushels potatoes, 120 quarts canned fruit, 2 barrels soft soap, 100 pounds soap, 40 bushels apples, 43 gallons apple butter, 90 pounds tobacco, 50 pounds tea, 25 pounds coffee, 75 pounds sugar, 48 men's and boys' coats, 66 vests, 54 pair shoes, 40 caps, 47 yards ticking, 50 yards new matting, 5 yards carpet, 216 yards flannel manufactured out of the wool clipped 1875 and 1876, on which there is due $54 00 for manufacturing; also on hand a large lot of corn fodder and straw, and 30 cords of wood.

INMATES, &C.

No. of inmates January 1, 1876	60
No. of inmates admitted during the year	54
No. of inmates born during the year	2
Total	116
Discharged and absconded during the year	44
Indentured during the year	4
Died during the year	7
Remaining in House, January 1, 1877	61
Total	116

Names of inmates who died during the year: Richard McQuillan, William McKernan, Lewis Willis, William Davis, Edward Roberts, Henry Hetherwitter and Nancy Wendell.

Of the inmates remaining January 1, 1877, there are sane males, 22; sane females, 19; insane males, 9; insane females, 11; blind males, 3; blind females, 1; Americans 37; foreigners, 24.

Average number of inmates per month, 0.56; average cost of each inmate per week, $1.62, which includes 1,057 meal to tramps during the year.

I. LILLY, Steward.

AMOUNTS DUE INSTITUTION.

John J. Evans, for hides	$ 46 19
John Kerschner, for hides	4 70
Joseph Weber, for sheep skins	3 50
George Seymour, on cattle trade	3 00
William Dishart, for buckwheat	1 00
J. S. Strayer, Esq., committee Charlton estate	557 65
Judgment, Directors vs. Singer	60 38
Jesse Patterson, cash advanced O. D. P.	25 00
Clearfield county	67 36
	$784 43
Amount due from county as per Auditor Report, January 20, 1876	$ 3,063 41
Amount paid N. J. Freidhoff, Esq., Treasurer	439 68
Amount due as shown in ab've statement	784 43
Requisition for 1876	10 000 00
Total	$14,287 52
Amount orders paid 1876	$10 672 22
Amount orders outstanding	86 50 10,738 72
Balance in favor of Poor House	$3,518 80

We, the undersigned, Directors of the Poor of Cambria county, do certify, that the foregoing is a correct statement of the expenses, &c. of the Poor and House of Employment for the year A. D. 1876, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Witness our hands this 6th day of February, A. D. 1877.

JESSE PATTERSON,
I. N. WISSINGER,
CHARLES FLICK,
} Directors.

Attest—I. LILLY, Steward and Clerk.

A Hundred Years from Now.

The surging sea of human life forever onward rolls
And bears to the eternal shore its daily freight of souls,
Though bravely sails our bark to-day, pale Death sits at the prow,
And few shall know we ever lived a hundred years from now.

O mighty human brotherhood! why fiercely war and strive,
While God's great world has ample space for everything alive?
Broad fields, uncultured and unclaimed, are waiting for the plow
Of progress that shall make them bloom a hundred years from now.

Why should we try so earnestly in life's short, narrow span,
On golden stairs to climb so high above our fellow man?
Why blindly at an earthly shrine in slavish homage bow?
Our gold will rust, ourselves be dust, a hundred years from now.

Why prize so much the world's applause? Why dread so much its blame?
A fleeting echo is its voice of censure or of fame;
The praise that thrills the heart, the scorn that dyes with shame the brow,
Will be as long forgotten dreams a hundred years from now.

O patient hearts, that meekly bear your weary load of wrong!
O earnest hearts, that bravely dare, and, striving, grow more strong!
Press on till perfect peace is won; you'll never dream of how
You struggled o'er life's thorny road a hundred years from now.

Grand, lofty souls, who live and toil that freedom, right and truth
Alone may rule the universe, for you is endless youth!
When 'mid the blest, with God you rest, the grateful land shall bow
Above your clay in rev'rent love a hundred years from now.

Earth's empires rise and fall. Time! like breakers on thy shore,
They rush upon thy rocks of doom, go down, and are no more;
The starry wilderness of worlds that gem night's radiant brow
Will light the skies for other eyes a hundred years from now.

Our Father, to whose sleepless eyes the past and future stand
An open page, like babes we cling to Thy protecting hand;
Change, sorrow, death are naught to us if we may safely bow
Beneath the shadow of Thy throne a hundred years from now. *Mrs. Mary A. Ford.*

THE HOLE IN THE FLOOR.

The life-object of Seth Grovner and Susan his wife was to amass property. It had been their aim since their wedded existence, which now counted fifteen years, and was still cherished as the dearest wish of their hearts. No change was made except it would hasten the desired consummation of this long-nurtured hope; no outlay was ventured upon unless it promised assistance to the hoarding of money. Not a day's respite had the one from unceasing application to business, not an hour passed that the other was not planning some new way to save dollars and cents.

In such an atmosphere of eager grasping for property, it would be strange had their children escaped the infection. Then little faces brightened at the sight of a penny, not that it would procure sweet-meats, but because it would add another to their store of coins; and the small hand grasped it with as instinctive and keen a pleasure as an aged miser clutches his gold. The oft-repeated parental injunction, "A penny saved is a penny earned," fell upon the childish ears, but childish wisdom applied the maxim; the confectioner and fruit-vender were rarely called upon by the young Grovners—the seed was taking root.

Mr. and Mrs. Grovner had nothing to give away. Poverty, in the form of a ragged mendicant, was rudely repulsed; misfortune, in the garb of despondency, met with rebuke instead of sympathy; sorrow, in the persons of mourning widows and fatherless children, vainly sought words of consolation and a helping hand; the kindly voice of pity, and the whisperings of charity, were unheard by ears inaccessible save to the hints of frugality, the suggestions of economy, or the promptings of prudence. Ah, little do the unfortunate gain from those making haste to be rich!

Reading, the cheapest of all luxuries, Mr. Grovner thought too expensive to be encouraged. Books cost money, and newspapers couldn't be had for nothing, even if there wasn't any postage on them. When he was rich he would have a library worth showing. His wife had no social intercourse with her friends and neighbors; visits took time, and if she attended parties, she would be expected to give them. That would not do, so she remained at home, mind and body absorbed in the one paramount idea. Did either feel a lingering desire to listen to the notes of some lauded singer, or the eloquence of a distinguished lecturer, the price of tickets of admission softened disappointment, and made the sacrifice seem less.

The Grovner children were never permitted to leave the dusty, crowded city for a day in the woods with their companions. The fare back and forth was an item not to be disregarded; and an excursion of this nature was inevitably attended with more or less torn clothes. Money was always the mother's inducement; a promise of three cents each made the little men bear the deprivation heroically. Ah, nature is a better teacher than a mother whose idol is gold! One opens the heart to kindly influences, makes it more susceptible to genial impressions, quickens brotherly love, and brings the creature nearer the Creator; the other blunts the sensibilities, chokes the springs of benevolence, clogs the aspiring spirit, making it insensible to a loftier sentiment than the love of gain. Are there no other Mrs. Grovners?

None of the family attended church, for pew-rent was an item, and a minister-tax not an unimportant consideration. If preaching and good example cost nothing, they would have availed themselves of their benefits, but as it was, parents and children were "a law to themselves." Their living was of the plainest possible kind, and quantity was studied as closely as quality. None of the Grovners were afflicted with gout or dyspepsia, if their palates were never regaled by dainty dishes.

Mr. Seth and Mrs. Susan were threatened with a dire calamity, in the shape of a visit from an elderly relative, who had trembled them but once since their marriage. A letter had been received avowing his intention to become better acquainted with his nephew and niece. They knew but little about him, save that he was a childless old man, rather odd in his ways, and burdened with but a small portion of this world's goods. Yet this much was certain; his stay with them would be attended with great inconvenience and expense—and that last reflection was the most annoying of all.

His appearance was not an event of rejoicing on the part of the host and hostess; the respectable looking old gentleman missed the hearty welcome he had promised himself. They were polite, but not cordial; attentive, but cold and distant, meeting his familiar advances with that indifferent reserve so chilling and discouraging. The children had been sent off to bed as soon as tea was over, and the three sat stiffly about the cold stove, Mrs. Grovner glancing now and then at the clock on the mantle-piece.

"Perhaps your uncle would like to retire," she observed to Mr. Seth.

Conversation had flagged for some minutes; it was hard doing all the talking, and uncle Abel approved the suggestion, though it was scarcely eight o'clock.

"I must confess to fatigue," he said. "I'm not young as I was once, and exertion tires me. I've been accustomed to sleeping in a warm room. If it won't be too much trouble, I'd like a little fire kindled for me; old blood feels these chilly nights," he added, apologetically.

Mr. Seth said, "Oh, no!" and Mrs. Susan, "Certainly no!" but anybody could see that their thoughts widely diverged from their words. The fire was made, and the nephew took a small hand-lamp to light Uncle Abel to his chamber.

"I should prefer this," said the latter, taking a larger one from the shelf near him, "if you have no objections. It holds more oil, I see, and sometimes when I am restless and can't sleep, I read to induce drowsiness. It won't incommode you very much, I hope."

Seth said, "No, indeed!" and Susan, "Not in the least!" but mentally, their replies were different. Uncle Abel and the largest lamp went up stairs; husband and wife closed the doors for a connubial conference.

"Well!" said the niece.

"What do you think?" said the nephew.

"An assuming old fox!" she exclaimed.

"A confounded bore!" he ejaculated.

"An extra fire, Seth!"

"A lamp to read by, Susan!"

"Meat for dinner!"

"And coffee for breakfast!"

"Will he stay long, think?"

"Two or three months, judging from the size and weight of his trunk."

"A pretty bill of expense, truly! and not a dollar to pay his board!"

"Fuel and light, and what he'll eat and drink, will put us back a whole year in our calculations. This comes of having relations! I wish I hadn't one in the world! and to think he's nothing but a great uncle."

This interesting conversation was prolonged some time; but enough has been given to show the feelings of Mr. and Mrs. Grovner in regard to Uncle Abel.

Morning did not mend the manners of the couple, yet the worthy old gentleman was urbane and smiling, seeming not to notice the frigid atmosphere that prevailed. He tried in vain to make the acquaintance of the children, but parental oversight prevented the object in view. It was recollected that they, with a certain class designated as 'fools,' were said to 'tell the truth;' and that, in this instance, was not to be spoken.

Uncle Abel's sight was impaired, but he was not so blind that he could not detect dissatisfaction, though in a measure cloaked. His tarry was short at the Grovner mansion; in a week he took leave of his nephew and niece, to their unbounded satisfaction.

"We have done well," they said, "to get rid of him so easily. He might have stayed a month."

And Uncle Abel was forgotten in the struggle to make a fortune.

One year afterward, they heard of his decease by means of the following significant letter, which was found among his private papers, and forwarded after his death:

"NEPHEW AND NIECE: When a childless old man crosses your threshold, yearning for love and sympathy, and that which youth should voluntarily accord to old age, treat him not coldly, begrudge him not the food he eats, the fire that warms him, nor the light that enables him to beguile a lonely midnight hour. And moreover do not forget the hole in the floor. That this advice may benefit you, is the wish of your

UNCLE ABEL."

"The hole in the floor." What did it mean. Light slowly began to creep into the bewildered brains of Mr. and Mrs. Grovner, revealing a startling truth in every line of the singular epistle before them. They looked at each other in blank dismay, in the consciousness that their hypocrisy and littleness had been exposed.

A place had been cut in the floor for the admission of a pipe from the stove below. Being early in the season, this pipe had not been adjusted for the winter, and the space was consequently open. Uncle Abel occupied that chamber, and had no difficulty in overhearing every word that had been uttered beneath him by Seth and Susan. The hole in the floor had betrayed them! How unfortunate that they should have forgotten it. The secret of this short visit was understood. Both were much discomposed that their petty meanness had been brought to light, but were consoled by reflecting that nothing antagonistic to their interests would come of it!

But, ah, a great many improbable things transpire in this world! Who would have imagined that Uncle Abel was worth his thousands? Who would have supposed that he was possession of a fortune called by the initiated, "independent?" The "assuming old fox" had shown the cunning. Seth and Susan had overreached themselves. In striving to save a penny, they lost a great many pounds. They were Uncle Abel's only surviving relatives, and he had intended making them his heirs.

But, alas, the hole in the floor! it had willed his money to a charitable institution, bequeathing them only the knowledge of their parsimony and self-abasement! Irretrievable mistaken—irreparable error! The important object of their lives defeated by a hole in the floor, when just upon the verge of realization.

Signor Blitz and His Birds.

THE STORY OF A CHILD'S AFFECTION—A CURIOUS ISSUE—WHAT MELTED THE HEART OF THE KIND MAGICIAN.

The recent death of Signor Blitz reminds some newspaper correspondent of a very singular incident that occurred a few years ago in the little town of Roselle, located in New Jersey, on the Central R. R. The genial magician gave two entertainments there at the time spoken of, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The former was for the most part attended by young folks of all ages and sizes. The Signor went on with his performance until he arrived at the part wherein his canary birds bore so large a share. One feature was the carrying about in a diminutive wagon of a pure white dove across a velvet covered space. This attracted the most earnest attention of the little ones, among whom was a bright little girl of five, the only daughter of a wealthy resident of Roselle. The child went nearly frantic with delight over the curious actions of the birds, and she felt especially in love with the white dove. At night the father and child were at the performance again, and the latter exhibited the same degree of interest. The next day Signor Blitz left town for Newark, where he was billed to perform, and at the close of his evening entertainment in that city a gentleman was admitted to his presence who endeavored to bargain for the purchase of the birds and dove, especially the dove. But the Signor would listen to no proposal, although a fabulous sum was offered him for the trained pets.

It was about two weeks after this, while Blitz was performing in Ashtabula, Ohio, that he was again brought face to face with the gentleman who had endeavored to buy his buds at Newark. After the performance the stranger asked Mr. Blitz if he would be kind enough to accompany him, and in ten minutes the two were ushered into an apartment where lay, upon a bed, a child, whose hollow eyes and wan face told of approaching dissolution. The gentleman then informed Signor Blitz that the infant's illness was generated at his exhibition in Roselle, while he was exhibiting his birds. Then he explained how the child had become suddenly possessed with an attachment for the white dove, and how she had pined for it day by day, until there seemed to be no cure for her but the sight of the darling object of her passion.

Great tears came into the magician's eyes as he looked upon the child and heard her implore him "just to let her look upon the little birds before she died." He hastened away and soon returned with the dove and four canaries. The childish face brightened in an instant; and as Blitz held the dove aloft upon his finger a moment, it looked at the little face below, and then, as if it knew the cause of her misery, raised its wings and fluttered downward, laying its glossy feathers close to the pale cheeks of its ardent lover. Blitz would take no money for the birds, but presented them to the child without further ado, and it is needless to say that she shortly after fully recovered her strength. She lived to thank Signor Blitz personally for the kindness. The dove and the child still live, but Signor Blitz is no more.

AN exchange asks: "What is the danger of the hour?" There are several. The one newspaper men have most to fear is the danger of getting "stuck" with one of those blamed counterfeit thousand dollar notes now in circulation.

RICHES FROM THE SKIES.

THE GIGANTIC MASS THAT FELL IN DIAMOND VALLEY, NEV.—A QUEER STORY.

At about four o'clock on the morning of the 7th of January, an immense body, glowing with intense brilliancy, came rushing across the face of heaven, illuminating the earth with the light of day. It travelled in an oblique direction, from the southwest to the northwest, and instantaneously a shock was felt that almost threw the few spectators at that early hour from their feet.

About ten days ago Mr. Wheeler, who cultivates a ranch in Diamond valley, and who is also in the stock business, came into town and left a most remarkable substance with an assayer. Mr. Wheeler had a smattering of metallurgical knowledge, and, it seems, had tested the compound with a blow-pipe and other means within his reach, and detected the presence of the precious metals, but was unable to determine the value.

The piece submitted to the assayer was about as large as a hen's egg, and immediately attracted his attention by its unusual weight and peculiar color, it being of a purplish black shade, and where it had been broken off the main body presenting a laminated stratification that he failed to recognize. Mr. Wacke expended the whole night in a series of experiments, applying every known test to the article, and detecting the presence of iron, nickle, cadmium, lead, silver, gold, zinc, cobalt, silicia and phosphorus. There was also a residuum to each essay, of which Prof. Wacke was unable to determine the properities, but he hopes by the use of the spectroscope to classify it.

A surprising feature of the ore is excessive malleability and ductility, a small portion of it being reduced by hammering to a film not exceeding one-hundredth of an inch in thickness. He has sent a portion of it to the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, and also to Prof. Silliman of New Haven, and in the meantime is prosecuting his researches. Prof. Wacke has found that the substance will reach $387 in silver and $42 in gold per ton.

The strangest part of the story remains to be told; and, now that Mr. Wheeler has duly recorded his claim and perfected the title, we feel at liberty to disclose the facts. On the morning of the 7th of January, Mr. Wheeler was almost thrown from his bed by a violent shock. Getting up and looking out of the window, he observed at the foot of the mountain an immense mass glowing at a white heat and of intense brightness. Hastily dressing, he approached as near as possible, and found that the object lay just at the foot of the Diamond mountain range, but the heat was so great that he could not go within 1,000 yards of the spot.

He kept his own counsel, and made repeated attempts to reach it, but did not succeed until the 14th inst., when it had cooled sufficiently to allow him to break off the portion brought to town. The main body will measure about 60 feet in height, 87 feet in width, and is 313 feet in length. These are the proportions of the body visible and it is probable that as much more is imbedded in the earth. Mr. Wheeler calculates that there are at least 2,000,000 feet in sight, and if it will work anywhere near the assay he will extract an immense sum from the mass.

A BIT OF HISTORY.—When Washington was a mere lad of fourteen summers he was about to enter the English navy as a midshipman. He was possessed of a taste for adventure, which became the more intensely excited by the thrilling incidents related by the associates who surrounded him. His inclinations were encouraged by his brother Lawrence and Sir William Fairfax, and his mother's consent having been reluctantly obtained, his baggage was placed on board a man-of war, May 10, 1774. But fortunately for Washington, whose highest ambition was the happiness of mankind, upon the same date his mother received a letter from her brother, who resided at Stratford-by-Bow, England, saying: "I understand that you are advised and have some thoughts of putting your son George to sea. I think he had better be put apprenticed to a tinker." But for his uncle, Joseph Ball, the memory of Washington could not now be revered as the greatest man this country ever produced, and had he not discouraged the idea of going to sea his name very likely would remain unwritten and unused; and yet had he followed it he would have become a tinsmith with perhaps no better prospects as to the fame which still so brightly illuminates the greatness of the unequaled history of the man whose achievement bore a synonym with the unparallelled record of the country whose system of government is a monument to his memory and that of his co-patriots, towering in majestic grandeur far beyond that of any other in ancient or modern history. At the age of sixteen he surveyed the thousands of acres of land belonging to Sir William Fairfax across the Blue Ridge and after his return was appointed public surveyor of Culpepper county, Va. During the whole of the seven years war he was home but twice, and one of these occasions was while on his way to Yorktown to afterwards receive the sword of the proud Cornwalis.

A LITTLE REAL LIFE ROMANCE.—Rochester, Minnesota, has a romance. The story is that a young Bostonian, named Carlton Stanton, went to Minnesota for his health, in 1870, and at Rochester met, loved and became engaged to Mary Philips, a worthy girl. Unfortunately, however, Stanton was thrown from a sleigh, a few months after, and fatally hurt by the discharge of a revolver in his pocket. His mother, then visiting at Chicago, reached him in season to see him die, and then returned to Boston. The poor girl heard no more until last summer, when she received a letter from Mrs. Stanton saying that her dying boy made her promise that $5,000, half his estate, should be given to Miss Philips; the mother had postponed the fulfillment of her promise, but was not content; her only remaining son had just died, and she assured the girl that she should soon have her money. Months passed, till, about Thanksgiving time, another letter from Mrs. Stanton begged the girl to come to Boston, for she was ill. Miss Philips went and was taken to a luxuriant home, not too soon, however, for Mrs. Stanton died that night. But she appears not to have forgotten her pledge, for within a few days Miss Philips has received, at her home, $8,000, the amount due from her lover's estate, with the news that Mrs. Stanton had willed her $35,000.

Bob Bailey's Ride on the Ice in 1832.

The Lock Haven *Enterprise* publishes the following incident of the past: As the attention of the people in this locality has of late been directed to the subject of ice gorges, and now that Old Sol has melted the crystal blocks that so long lay in threatening piles above us, it may not be amiss to relate the story of Bob Bailey's wonderful ride from Jersey Shore to Nitton, in 1832. Many old citizens will remember that season, and many the incident of Bailey's perilous ride. The ice was heavy in the West Branch, and the river rising. Bob had a flat boat in danger, and repaired to the river with the intention of cutting it loose from the ice and dragging it upon dry land. Entering the boat he commenced chopping the solid cakes, and while thus engaged the ice commenced moving. So interested was he in his work that he did not discover his situation until far out in the stream. No help could reach him, although his departure was known throughout Jersey Shore. Telegraph wires were unknown, and the news could only be conveyed in advance of the lone boatman by bringing into requisition fleet horses. This was done, and all along the river banks excited individuals gathered to catch a glimpse in the darkness (for it was night) of the man in the "sea of ice," and rescue him if possible. In Williamsport the excitement was intense, and men rushed to the river yelling at the top of their voices. Huge cakes of ice went by, cracking and snapping, and far out in the stream was unfortunate Bob Bailey, borne on by the resistless current. No human hand could reach him, but many a prayer went up for his deliverance. At that time there was no bridge spanning the river at Williamsport, and none this side of Milton. Down the stream he went until he could hear the roar of Muncy Dam. It was anything but music to his ear, but there was to avoiding a ride over the tumbling, foaming waves. Bob was equal to the emergency, and nerving himself for the trying moment he rode gallantly over the rough waves, and was borne down the dark channel. Couriers on each side of the river occasionally shouted to Bob, and receiving answers were assured that he was right side up with care. The news reached Milton, and preparations were made to rescue him at that point. In due time Bob arrived there, when a rope was dropped from the bridge, and the man in jeopardy transferred from his ice-encased flat to more congenial quarters. There was many a hearty "shake," and after a general "warming up" of old hands, Bob and those who had followed along the river, started on their return trip. Jollifications were held all along the route, and to this day the old people love to relate the incidents connected with that perilous ride forty-five years ago.

WHO says that there is no romance, that nothing ever happens, in this prosaic country? In Louisiana, two negroes who loved the same woman, recently fought a duel on horseback and killed each other.——A banker's wife near Kansas City, Mo., presented a foundling to her husband as his heir, and champagne corks popped at every angle. But in a few days his meat was tears. The mother of twins, who had parted with one of them, came forward to claim the one she had said to the rich lady, and the banker's wife had to confess that the child was not her own.——A young man in Dubuque, Iowa, went on Saturday week to a country dance, and did not return to his home until the church bells were ringing the next morning. His father told him he must go to meeting, and he went. Before the minister had finished the opening prayer the young reveler was sound asleep and dreaming of the dance. An old lady who sat near him touched him and to arouse him, whereupon he seized her wrist and shouted, "All join hands and circle to the left. Swing the girl with the blue dress on."——A runaway girl and her lover were riding past Casey Station, Tenn., when the stern parent rushed to the front on a mule and pulled her out of the wagon. Putting her on the mule's back and taking his place behind her, he whistled to his steed. "Sally, if you love me, slide off!" whispered the lover. Wriggling out of her father's grasp, she did so slide. Then the lover fought with the unnatural parent and triumphed over him, and the mule ran away with the two spoons.

A GOOD NAME.—How true it is that a good name is capital in itself. Such a capital, like every solid accumulation, is not built in a day, but is the result of years of continuance in well doing. No man can hope by a spurt of good nature or honorable dealing to acquire to enviable reputation which is implied in the possession of "a good name." Little things done and observed in a series of years, the tallies of which life is made up, if done conscientiously, are what contribute to the result, and win for a man the confidence of his fellows, and when one has thus secured this good name, men seek him in business, rely on his word and prefer his goods.

Such a capital is within the reach of the poorest. It commands confidence and helps one in securing all that is desirable in life, and as it is to be acquired without outlay, does not depend upon birth or influence for attainment. Would that it's so many refer to travel by crooked ways, which, though they may seem short cuts to success, do not lead in that direction at all. Let every young man strive to add the possession of a good name to his other capital.

ONE'S MOTHER.—Around the idea of one's mother the mind of man clings with fond affection. It is the first dear thought stamped on our infant hearts, when yet soft and capable of receiving the most profound impressions, and all the after feelings are more or less light in comparison. Our passions and our willingness may lead us far from the object of our filial love; we may become wild, headstrong and angry at her counsels or her opposition; but when death has stilled her monitory voice, and nothing but calm memory remain to recapitulate her virtues and good deeds, affection, like a flower beaten to the ground by a rude storm, raises up her head, and smiles amidst her tears. Round that idea, as we have said, the mind clings with fond affection; and even when the earlier period of our less forces memory to be silent, fancy takes the place of memory and twines the image of our departed parent with a garland of graces, and beauties, and virtues, which we doubt not that she possessed.

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

Friday Morning, - March 30, 1877.

THE annual election for directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad took place in Philadelphia on Tuesday last. Their stock has been looking up a little of late. The following ticket was nominated and elected, there being but little opposition: Thomas A. Scott, Josiah Bacon, Wistar Morris, John W. Kennedy, Alex. J. Derbyshire, Samuel M. Felton, Alex. Biddle, N. Parker Shortridge, H. W. Phillips, and John Scott, of Pittsburgh.

ALTHOUGH the Legislature was ashamed to pass the joint resolution donating to each of its members a copy of Purdon's Digest, it took a new departure and voted away $10,000 of the people's money for the publication and distribution of 5,000 copies of Paul's History of the Soldiers' Orphans Schools of the State. This was literally robbing Peter to pay *Paul*, for the money is really appropriated for the benefit of Paul himself, who, when he failed to make his history pay, conceived the business-like and brilliant idea of getting the State to buy 5,000 copies of it at $2.00 per volume. This book is to be distributed *free gratis* among the members of the Legislature and the State officers at Harrisburg. The plunder then going to each member will be about *sixteen* copies. If this is not one of the most brazen and unblushing of robberies, under the thin cover of legislation, we are at a loss to know by what milder name to call it. No Democratic member should soil his hands with the booty when it is ready for delivery. If he does he will, like Hayes, be guilty of receiving stolen goods.

WHEN the electoral commission was playing the game of *eight to seven*, Joseph E. Bradley acting as *umpire*, Stanley Matthews and Charles Foster, both of Ohio, the latter representing Hayes' district in Congress, induced Gen. Gordon and other Southern Congressmen to believe that if the electoral count was allowed to proceed to the end without any fillibustering on the part of the Democrats, Hayes would remove the troops from the New Orleans and Columbia State Houses and leave Packard and Chamberlain to stand or fall as the people of each of said States might determine. Matthews and Foster spoke as if by authority of Hayes, and it is stated that Gen. Gordon has written evidence that they both said so. Hayes now denies that he authorized any statement to be made about the removal of the troops, and that all he said to Matthews and Foster, or to any one else, was that the people of Louisiana and South Carolina were entitled to local self-government, and that he proposed giving it to them. The only and sure way to do so is for Hayes to withdraw the troops, which is all that Nicholls or Hampton ever asked, when the question will be peaceably settled in forty-eight hours. Well knowing that he was never elected, the difficulty with Hayes all along has been, and is yet, that if he deserts Packard, who received a thousand more votes in Louisiana than he himself did, he will repudiate and dishonor his own title to the office which he now fraudulently holds. This is precisely the dilemma in which he is placed, and thus is his cowardice and duplicity in the Louisiana matter clearly accounted for.

NO DAY in the year is awaited with so much interest by the taxpayers of the State as the one fixed for the final adjournment of the Legislature. That acceptable time was last Friday. Although over eight hundred bills were introduced, only one hundred and three reached the Governor, of which a large number were *local* in their character. What bills applicable to the whole State were passed, we are of course at this time not prepared to say. A stay law was, however, enacted and signed by the Governor which we publish elsewhere for the information of our readers.

The record of the lower branch of the late Legislature is ten fold more damaging than that of its immediate predecessor, which was Democratic, and against which so many bitter complaints were made by the Republican press. The prostitution of the political majority in the two Houses was disgracefully exhibited when, at an early stage of the session, it was proposed to pass a bill appropriating *a million of dollars* ostensibly to maintain the peace of the nation. This bill was inspired by the Camerons, Simon and Don, and was intended by them to have its due influence with Hayes when he came to select his cabinet. The peace of the country was not in any danger at the time this vile project was sanctioned by a Republican caucus of both Houses, nor did it aid Don Cameron in obtaining a reappointment from Hayes as Secretary of War.

Then came the darkest stain upon the record of our State Legislature, the election of young Cameron to the Senate of the United States at the imperious demand of his father. The constituents of the members of the majority in the Legislature had not asked that this Senatorial transfer should be consummated, but it was thrust down their throats with indecent haste and before they had time to protest against the outrage.

The final scene in this legislative drama was the passage, by the most flagrant and deliberate violation of all parliamentary rules, of a bill to prohibit the Sheriff of Philadelphia from appointing deputies to preserve the peace at elections. The scenes of ruffyism enacted when this bill was being rushed through are represented as having been unequalled at any former session, and it seemed at times as if all Bedlam had been let loose. While every person will rejoice at the final adjournment of the Legislature, they will feel a sense of deep humiliation when they learn that it will meet again on the first Tuesday of January next. *That* will be the last of the adjourned sessions that can be held under the provision of the new constitution, and after January, 1879, the Legislature cannot meet again until January, 1881.

IN September, 1857, almost twenty years ago, a company of emigrants from Arkansas on their way to California were butchered in cold blood at what is known as Mountain Meadows, in the south-western part of Utah Territory, where they had encamped for the night. The number of the emigrants was about one hundred and fifty, including men, women and children. The slaughter was complete, only a few small children being spared. The Mormon account of the massacre was that it had been perpetrated by the Santa Clara Indians, and for many years this was believed to be true. Certain facts, however, which were developed about four years ago, led to the belief that the crime had been instigated by the leaders or head men of the Morman Church, who induced the Indians to assist them in their hellish work. John D. Lee, a bishop of high standing in the Mormon Church, who lived in the southern part of Utah, and filled the position of Indian agent or farmer, was believed to have taken an active part in setting on foot of t i atrocious murder of the emigrants, and about two years ago he was arrested and tried at Beaver, Utah, before Judge Boreman. On a technicality of some kind the jury was on that occasion discharged. Lee was, however, retried about two months ago, convicted and sentenced to death. A law of Utah allows a criminal under sentence of death to choose between hanging, shooting and decapitation. Lee selected to be shot. On last Friday, the Marshal conveyed him from Beaver to the very spot (Mountain Meadows) where the brutal crime had been committed in 1857, and there, seated on his coffin, he received five bullets in the region of the heart from five muskets fired by men employed for the purpose. His body was then taken to Cedar City and delivered to his friends. He wrote out a long confession giving the names of the men who with himself planned the massacre. Their names are Haight, Dame, Higby and Smith, all prominent Mormons. He says the Indians assisted in the bloody work, killing most of the emigrants. In his confession Lee implicates Brigham Young as an accessory both before and after the slaughter, and, if he is to be believed, Young is equally guilty with himself. Lee was a native of Illinois, 65 years old, had *eighteen* wives "sealed" to him, three of whom remained faithful to him to the end. He had *sixty-four* children, *fifty-four* of whom are still living. Near the place where he was shot there is a huge stone cross surmounting the monument erected over the graves of the ill-fated emigrant party, on which are inscribed the well known words, which he could easily see and read while sitting on his coffin: "'VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,' SAITH THE LORD."

THERE are scores of politicians in this country known as *trimmers* who in an emergency will sacrifice their honest convictions of right and "bend the pregnant hinges of the knee, that thrift may follow fawning." This being the case, what must be the estimate of the personal honor and political integrity of David M. Key, the new Postmaster General, who has accepted a cabinet office under Hayes, although he publicly declared that he (Hayes) had never been elected by the people. Mr. Key, on the 18th of last December, in a speech in the Senate, when the electoral vote of Oregon was under discussion, said:

> On the 7th of last November a majority of the people of the United States, amounting to two hundred and forty-eight thousand, or about that, counting the votes of Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida, as determined by the Returning Boards, declared that they desired that Samuel J. Tilden should be President of the United States, and Thomas A. Hendricks their Vice President. * * Eliza Pinkston has fearfully wrought up the feelings, the sympathies, the indignation of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Sherman). Her story does not make the impression on my mind that it did on his, because I do not believe it; he does. The murder of the husband, the massacre of the helpless innocent babe, the character of the injuries to the woman are not the work of the white race or any other civilized race. They never occurred as detailed. * * A salamander is nothing to Eliza. She tells us that they left Henry Pinkston unburied and her for dead, and yet they took the body of the dead child a quarter of a mile and threw it into the lake. *And on this testimony, the falsehood which is so apparent on its face, a state is to be disfranchised and a President whom the people never elected is to be placed in office.*

A RESERVOIR DAM IN CONNECTICUT SWEPT AWAY.—*Great Destruction of Property and Hundreds of People Thrown Out of Employment.*—A Hartford dispatch to the Providence *Bulletin* says the Staffordville (Conn.) reservoir dam gave way about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning last, March 27th, sweeping everything along the valley from Staffordville through the old furnace to Stafford's Springs. The National Bank at Staffordville, the Congregational church, L. W. Crancis' store, freight depot, and all the houses on the island at Stafford's Springs were destroyed. All the bridges between the scene of the disaster and the Tarland, both on the railroad and highway, were washed away. The probable loss in Stafford alone is two million dollars. No loss of life is yet reported. The loss in Staffordville is very heavy, the mills suffering more or less damage, and work will have to be suspended in them until the reservoir can be rebuilt.

The Granite Mills and Leonard House, at Staffordville, were swept away, and also the stores and store-houses of State Senator Julius Converse, who telegraphs that all the dams on the stream, from Staffordville to a point below the Springs, with all the bridges, are gone. Probably not less than thirty houses were destroyed, and the loss will be very large.

The dam was considered safe, but the heavy rains of Monday afternoon and evening filled the reservoir to overflowing. The breaking away was wholly unexpected, but the reservoir, being set some distance above the village, the people had notice in time for them to effect their safety. It is thought one or two lives were lost. The valley is made a complete wreck.

MR. HAYES and his cabinet have decided that a proclamation should be issued calling an extra session of Congress, to meet on Monday, the 4th of next June. As we stated last week, this extra session is only rendered necessary in consequence of the failure of the late Congress to pass the army appropriation bill. It is not certain, however, that some very heavy jobs, such as the Southern Pacific Rail Road subsidy project, will not be attempted to be forced on its consideration. Whether an effort of this kind will be made depends entirely upon who will be elected Speaker of the House. Mr. Randall appears to be confident of success, and we trust he will be elected. Others, however, regard the matter as by no means certain.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26, 1877.

THE SITUATION.

Ere the lapse of many days proof will be forthcoming to show that the Southern members of Congress who prevented the defeat of the electoral count had assurances from those who were authorized to speak for Mr. Hayes that he would, on attaining the Presidency, give to the South the same rights of self-government as were exercised in the North. The public mention of this fact has caused considerable sensation and stimulated curiosity to know something of the details, particularly as the partisans of Chamberlain and Packard affect to throw doubts upon it. During the progress of the electoral count, and after the electoral commission had by its grossly unfair and partisan rulings made apparent its deliberate intention to give all the disputed States to Hayes and Wheeler, Senator Gordon went over to the hall of the House and had an interview with Representative Foster. Gordon said that while he felt no responsibility for the action of the House, yet he should insist upon it that the South should have guarantees that their State governments should not be interfered with; that they had contended for the past ten years for this right, and that if such pledges were not given he would go into the House and urge upon his Southern friends to assist in preventing the further progress of the count, and would certainly favor filibustering if there was no guarantee given that the bayonet rule of the past eight years would be abolished. Foster replied that all the necessary pledges would be given, and that "President Hayes" would certainly do what was right and proper. Mr. Foster showed a letter which he had received from Hayes to that effect, and that he (Hayes) would be the President of the whole people. In the letter of Hayes to Mr. Foster, he said that Foster had made just such a speech as he would have made himself and that it represented his sentiments exactly. Gordon said to Foster that the letter was encouraging, but he would like to have something more definite. Mr. Foster then, over his own signature, addressed a letter to Senator Gordon and John Young Brown, who was present at the interview, in this language: "I feel authorized to guarantee that the people of South Carolina and Louisiana will be allowed to administer their governments without any interference on the part of President Hayes, should he be inaugurated, and that there will be no further interference in State governments by the troops." Mr. Stanley Matthews also wrote a letter to Gordon to the same effect, and in addition to these written pledges Gen. Garfield made verbal promises of a substantially similar character. Senators Bayard and Johnson, upon the strength of these pledges, urged upon the Southern members to withdraw all opposition and let the count go on. Lamar, John Young Brown and others worked night and day to disarm opposition to the count, and the result was Hayes was *declared* elected. It is of course a matter of history that had the Southern members elected to side with the filibusters, the electoral count would have been defeated and Hayes would not now occupy the White House. So by the above it will be readily perceived that that Christian (?) statesman now holds the office of President by the title of fraud, and by no other, and it will serve the Southern members who sold out to him perfectly right if he should rule them by the troops, with the troops, and for his own personal aggrandizement, with an iron hand and will. Where be ye Southern chivalry, to "sell his birthright for a mess of porridge?" Even Gen. Sherman, during the filibustering on the electoral count, laid aside his sword and took upon himself the office of a pot-house politician, to carry out this most damnable plot to count in the leader of the God-forsaken radical party, by intimating strenuously to the Southern members the assurance of his Fraudulency that the pledges would be faithfully kept. Such corruption existing among professed Christians is not only enough to disgust the community, but the people should rise up in their might and squelch this latter-day sanctimony. Such conduct is revolting to the conscientious doctrine of the existence of a Supreme Being, and it is high time those who are more trustworthy took charge of and managed the Church of the future. All the circumstances above narrated in regard to the pledges made for the barter and stealing of the Presidential chair were brought to the attention of Hayes, and he had hard check and cussedness enough to deny with some feeling any knowledge of such pledges, or that he had authorized any person to make them for him. Well, with what degree of confidence could it be expected that the Judas Isariot thief who stole the White House would keep any contract he made, either political or otherwise? There is but one remedy left now, and that is to refuse to make any appropriation for the army, thereby virtually disbanding the same; after which, in the language of the radicals when the Democrats were complaining of the unfair decision of the electoral tribunal, it will be proper to ask, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

THE EXTRA SESSION AND ARMY BILL.

It has been determined by the leading Democrats of the House that not one dollar will be voted for the army if, when Congress meets in June next, it is still acting as a police guard for Packard and Chamberlain, or for for either of them.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

A letter has been received here from Gov. Hampton in which he calls upon his friends to come home, that he is tired of delay, and that Hayes could do as he pleased and he would do the same.

FERNANDO WOOD

has been mentioned in connection with the speakership, but he states that he has no idea of being a candidate for that position and will throw all the influence at his command for Mr. Randall.

CIVIL SERVICE.

It is believed that the new civil service rules and regulations will be promulgated during the present week, and the clerks and clerkesses are in deep anxiety about their monthly stipends.

LOUISIANA.

Gov. Nicholls has written to a friend here that he will stand firm and that no compromise will be made. He also thanks the citizens of the country for their support. So by the determined action of both Hampton and Nicholls the political cauldron is streaming up very, very warm for Hayes and his infernal cohorts, and when Congress meets somebody will catch a good thrashing in the political arena.

STAMPING POSTAL CARDS.

Complaints having been made to the Postoffice Department that postmasters, and more especially carriers, are in the habit of stamping postal cards on the back by which the writing is sometimes made illegible. The Postmaster General has issued orders requiring all official marks to be put on the face of postal cards. So all ye postmasters make a note of this item.

"AULD IRELAND."

A number of Irish-Americans called on his Fraudulency, Hayes, on Saturday last, and complimented his peace policy, after which they presented the name of one Michael Scanlan for some national position under the administration, and the affair resulted in a mutual admiration society, after which the Irish went home and Hayes went to h—is little bed. ANDERSON.

The New Stay Law.

TEXT OF THE LAW FOR STAY OF EXECUTION IN THIS STATE.

SECTION 1. That in all cases where lands, tenements, or hereditaments have been or hereafter shall be levied on, by virtue of any writ of *fieri facias* or other writ of execution, and an inquest of twelve men summoned by the sheriff or coroner of any of the cities or counties, agreeably to the existing laws of this Commonwealth, shall find that the suits, issues and profits of such property are not sufficient beyond all reprises, within the space of seven years, to satisfy the damages and costs or the debt, interest and costs in such writ as mentioned, it shall be the duty of the same inquest to value and appraise the said property; and in all cases where the defendant or defendants shall consent to a condemnation agreeably to an act, entitled: "An Act relating to executions," passed the 16th day of June, 1836, and in any case where an inquisition and condemnation of such estate as aforesaid shall not be deemed necessary in law it shall be the duty of the sheriff or coroner of the proper county to summon an inquest of twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, who shall be under oath or affirmation, and shall receive the same pay as jurors are entitled to in similar cases, to value and appraise the same, and the sheriff or coroner shall make return of such valuation or appraisement with the writ aforesaid, to the Court from which the same issued, and which valuation or appraisement shall be conclusive in any future execution which may be levied on the same property; and in case of any writ of *venditioni exponas* or other writ, shall issue for the sale of such lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and the same cannot be sold at public vendue or outcry for two-thirds or more of such valuation or appraisement, that then and in such case the sheriff or coroner shall not make sale of the premises, but shall make return of the same accordingly to the Court from which the execution issued; and that thereupon all further proceedings for the sale of such lands, tenements, or hereditaments shall be stayed for one year from and after the return day of the *venditioni exponas* or other writ for the sale of the premises; provided, that the sheriff or coroner shall not be entitled to poundage, unless in those cases where a sale of the property shall take place.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where lands, tenements, or hereditaments have been heretofore levied upon and condemned or extended, or that hereafter may be extended in virtue of any writ of *fieri facias*, and in all cases where any lands, tenements, or hereditaments have been or hereafter shall be seized or levied on by virtue of any writ of *levari facias*, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or Coroner before exposing the said property to sale, pursuant to any writ for that purpose issued, or in pursuance of such writ of *levari facias*, to summon twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, who, being first sworn or affirmed, shall make a true valuation or appraisement of such property, as directed by the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where estates for life, or for a term of years, in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments have been or shall be seized and levied on by virtue of any writ or execution, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or Coroner, before he shall proceed to advertise and sell the premises aforesaid, to summon an inquest of twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, who, being first duly sworn or affirmed, shall make a true valuation and appraisement of the same, and if such estates for life, or for a term of years, as aforesaid, after being advertised and offered for sale by public vendue or outcry, according to law, cannot be sold for two-thirds or more of the amount of the valuation and appraisement, to be made as aforesaid, the Sheriff or Coroner shall make return accordingly, and thereupon all further proceedings for the sale of the said premises shall be stayed for one year from the return day of the said writ of execution.

SEC. 4. That in all cases where personal property shall be taken in execution by virtue of any writ of *fieri facias* issued out of any Court of Common Pleas of this Commonwealth, or by virtue of any execution issued by a justice of the peace, it shall be the duty of the office to whom such suit shall be directed respectively when it shall be requested by the debtor, to summon three respectable freeholders, citizens of the vicinage, who, being first duly sworn or affirmed by the said officer, shall value and appraise the personal property aforesaid, which valuation or appraisements, signed by the appraisers, together with a schedule of the property taken in execution, shall be annexed to the return on said writ, and in case said personal property, or any part thereof, cannot be sold for two thirds of the amount of said valuation or appraisement at a public vendue of the same, of which notice shall be given to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, his, her, or their agent or attorney, agreeably to the directions of the first section of this act, that then the sale of such property shall be stayed for the term of twelve months from that date; provided that the said defendant or defendants shall execute and deliver to the Sheriff, Coroner, or constable, as the case may be, a bond with one or more sufficient securities in a penalty of double the amount of the said valuation or appraisement, conditioned for the faithful forthcoming and delivery of all and every part of the said personal property upon the expiration of said stay of execution to the proper Sheriff, Coroner, Constable, or his successor in office, in like good order and condition (reasonable wear and tear being allowed) as when the same was so as aforesaid offered for sale, or other personal property equal in value and in like good order to be ascertained in the manner aforesaid, or in default thereof for the payment of the amount of the appraisement or valuation with interest and costs or the amount of the debt, interest and costs for which the levy was made, and upon the execution and delivery of such bond the said personal property shall be returned and redelivered into the possession of the said defendant or defendants; provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent any judgment creditor or creditors from having the property of any debtors exposed to sale at any time and as often as he, she, or they may think proper, after it may have once been exposed to sale as aforesaid, by paying all the costs which may accrue in consequence thereof, except the time at which a sale may be effected according to the provisions of this act, which costs shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale as in other cases.

SEC. 5. That before any person shall be entitled to a stay of execution on real estate levied upon, he shall pay the interest due on the debt and the interest due upon prior liens thereon, and discharge all ground rent and municipal charges due on the property, subject to the judgment, and shall pay semi-annually during the continuance of the stay of execution all the accruing interest on the judgment, mortgages, liens, or charges on said real estate, and the accruing ground rents: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to suits for the collection of interest semi-annually on moneys due the estates of decedents, widows, or minors, which suits are hereby authorized to be instituted, nor to claims for labor: Provided, further, That this act shall not remain in force for a longer period than eighteen months.

Approved—The 23d day of March, A. D. 1877. J. F. HARTRANFT.

News and Other Notings.

—General Longstreet has just joined the Catholic Church in New Orleans.

—Carl Schurtz was implicated in the Mountain Meadow massacre. He was an Indian interpreter.

—Two young men in Wayne county, Ga., want to marry. Each offers 500 acres of land for a wife.

—A little child in Cincinnati was killed by a savage bulldog, and the mother, who attempted a rescue was badly bitten.

—The new postal cards to be issued on the first of May will be tinted—a light buff on one side and a pale pea-green on the other.

—Dr. Acker, of the Norristown *Register*, has his Presidential candidate for 1880 nominated, and his name is Thomas A. Hendricks.

—At Florence, Arizona, there is a restaurant kept by a Chinaman, with a Mexican wife, a negro cook and a white man for a waiter.

—In Quebec 6,000 children receive gratuitous instruction in the Catholic religious establishments, and 4,000 indigent sick are cared for during the year.

—The wicked wag of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* says that Hayes is a good bass singer, and can sound the depths of Wells, Bradley and all those low notes.

—At Kintnersville, Bucks county, a large rock fell two hundred feet down a mountain and knocked in the side of a house, terribly scaring the people.

—The report that the remains of the "Father of his Country" are petrified proves untrue. Late events, however, must have mortified him very much.

—Mrs. Pauline, who recently died at Elnanowitz, Austria, at the advanced age of 108 years, always enjoyed good health and was never known to take medicine.

—Samuel Vann died at his residence, near Trumansburg, N. Y., on the 19th instant, aged 104 years. He was remarkably robust and active till within a few years.

—Near Spuyten Duyvil, on the Hudson, the other day, an unknown man jumped from a cliff to the railroad track below, a distance of ninety feet. Of course he killed himself.

—A twelve year old negro boy of Lexington, Va., whose occupation is carrying brick to workmen engaged on a new building, amuses himself between acts making models of animals in clay.

—In New York, Sunday afternoon, Alfred Picard, in a fit of jealousy, bound his wife to a chair in which she was sleeping, and then cruelly disfigured her face by a free application of vitriol.

—Miss Bertha Von Hillern on Saturday accomplished the unexampled feat, at Providence, of walking 50 miles in 11 hours and 58 minutes. Her success was hailed with the greatest enthusiasm.

—Mrs. E. D. Gillespie, of Philadelphia, has received a cash testimonial of $7,806 because of her services in connection with the Centennial Exhibition and the founding of the Woman's Pavilion.

—S. S. Long, of Sheridan, on the Lebanon Valley road, has built an immense refrigerator, fifty by eighty feet, three stories high, for storing eggs. It is estimated the building will hold 9,000 barrels.

—A Brooklyn woman, Mrs. Hessler, discovered a burglar in her room, and laid hold of him. He pounded her face terribly, and broke several of her teeth, but she clung to him until the police arrived.

—Dom Pedro and his wife visited the tomb of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, where they received communion. The wife of Pedro is the first Empress who has trod the streets of Jerusalem since Queen Helena.

—Mr. Thomas B. Hendricks seems to be having a better time in California than Mr. William A. Wheeler is likely to have in Washington. Wherever he goes the people vie with each other in testifying their respect.

—Three girls, keeping a cigar store on Fort Wayne avenue, Richmond, Ind., were brought before the Mayor, Saturday, upon suspicion of being connected with the Indianapolis gang of counterfeiters and confidence men.

—San Francisco has some thirty or more millionaires. One of these, Peter Donohue or "Uncle Peter," as he is called, owns a railroad ninety miles in length. He built it with his own money, and has not a penny of stock or bonds out.

—Mrs. Margaret Graham, of West Chester, Pa., completed the one hundreth year of her life on Tuesday. The members of the First Presbyterian church of the borough gave the venerable lady a reception in honor of the event.

—Mr. Hayes was not always such a favorite son of Ohio as he is now. On the 12th of February, 1876, a vote was taken among the Republican legislators at Columbus for President, Blaine getting 34, Hayes 33 and Morton 1.

—Mr. W. R. Storrs, General Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company's mines, and a gentleman who has the opportunity of knowing better than most men, says there are 5,000 destitute persons in the city of Scranton.

—A poor young man left a sweetheart a few years ago in Louisville, Ky., to support herself by teaching school and writing newspaper articles, and now, as the owner of several silver mines, the founder of a town, and the richest capitalist in New Mexico, he returns to marry her.

—Messrs. Brooks, of Boston, owners of several millions worth of property in New Orleans, paid their taxes to Nicholls' collector the other day. Many large property owners have paid their taxes to Nicholls' government, including Burnside, the largest property-owner in Louisiana.

—Albert Brown, Cashier of the First National Bank of Springfield, Vermont, is said to be a defaulter to the amount of $30,000. It is claimed that Brown used in speculations, securities left with him for safe keeping. The Directors of the Bank claim it will lose little if anything.

—A negro in Williamson county, Tenn., was an uncommonly determined murderer. He chopped his way through two doors to get to the woman whom he killed. That night a mob showed equal determination by breaking into the jail with sledges in order to take him out and hang him.

—Lee, the Mountain Meadow murderer, said to a *Herald* correspondent the day he was shot: "I have fifty children, as many grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. When I think of my large family, of the little ones remaining, and their mothers, who have been good wives to me, I feel for them very much."

—While M. O. Kline was engaged in paying off the hands of Cotton Mill No. 2, at Lancaster, the other day, he was struck on the head with a black-jack by Edward Wilhelm, a discharged employe, who made off with the money, which amounted to nearly $10,000. Wilhelm was shortly afterwards captured and committed to jail.

—Nick Crenshaw was shot and killed at his home near Independence, Mo., on Thursday evening by Henry Cathy. Crenshaw had been the cause of a separation between Cathy and his wife about a year ago, and Cathy went to Crenshaw's house, called him to the door, and killed him. Cathy surrendered himself to the authorities.

—Rev. Isaac E. Beach, who died recently at Bridgeport, Conn., in his seventy-fifth year, never rode on a railroad nor sailed in a steamboat, and was never outside the State of Connecticut. He read through the Bible in course ninety-nine times, each reading being noted on the fly leaf of the copy he most used.

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—A New York lawyer stated to a detective Nettleship last November that he had $250,000 stolen government bonds and offered a larger inducement to Nettleship to secure an accomplice in the bond department at Washington to convert them into money. Nettleship pretended to go into the scheme and thus secured the arrest of the thieves.

—W. Maxwell and his son, aged sixteen, stockmen, lately of Stuart, Iowa, and located in Colfax county, New Mexico, were murdered on Friday last by a negro, who has been captured at Trinidad, Colorado. Robbery was the probable cause, as Maxwell was supposed to have money with him. The bodies were found on Sunday, shot through the head.

—Theodore H. Dannehower, of Norristown, is in luck. Some years ago he bought an old bureau, which he offered to sell last week for $4, but could not find a purchaser. One of the drawers he subsequently found didn't work right, and he undertook its readjustment, when in jerking it out he jerked out with it an old pocket-book containing a $100 bill.

—Mary Sheridan, of Bayonne, N. J., became enraged because her little boy of three years upset a can of beer by accident. She fastened him to a pully line at a height of about twenty feet from the ground, hauled him out about six feet from the house, and left him there while she went for more beer. The child was in convulsions when rescued by the neighbors.

—The editor of the San Francisca *Post* has been shown a monster orange, which weighed 3½ pounds and measured in circumferenne 24 inches. It was grown at Riverside, San Bernardino county, upon the grounds of G. W. Gascelon. The tree which produced it is just four years old, and had a number of other oranges besides this one, which were but slightly smaller.

—In Pittsburgh, on Friday night, a fire broke out in the stables of Weldon & Kelly, on Virgin alley, just below Wood street, and spread rapidly, destroyed the furnace and range manufactory of the same firm, J. G. Bennett & Co.'s hat manufactory and storehouse, and four tenement houses. The total loss will probably aggregate $40,000, with an insurance of about $30,000.

—The trouble at Scranton was concisely stated last week by a stalwart man who said to the Mayor, "Your honor, I have a family of eight children who have been living for two weeks on bread and water. They now have the water, but the Lord knows where the bread is to come from. I must have bread inside of forty-eight hours, whether I get it by fair means or foul."

—The bodies of two murdered men were found five miles from Georgetown, Ky., on Friday and identified as employees at Pound Gap, where they had just received their wages. James Robinson shot and killed a negro named Henry Crittenden in Midway. He pleads that the negro drew a pistol upon him about ten days ago and shot and dangerously wounded another negro.

—Madison Wells and his family are urging war claims before the Southern Claims Commission which amounts to nearly seven hundred thousand dollars. It is a fraudulent bill, but Hayes ought to see that he is paid, for if Madison Wells had not been a dishonest fellow, mercenary and conscienceless, Hayes would never have been seated in the White House. Hayes really owes him the money.

—An unusual event happened in Berks county, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] were both born on the same day, and year, and were seventy years old. On Sunday, the 18th, the old gentleman a few days sickness, died of [illegible]. The blow so affected Mrs. [illegible] whose health hitherto had been very [illegible], that she, too, expired on the They were buried in the same [illegible]

—Is Charlie Ross found at last? Harford, of Washing, Wis., took strongly resemble the lost child some half-breed Indians last week a photograph of him to Mr. Ross, who [illegible] graphed back if the boy had a scar right side to bring him to Philadelphia. A subsequent telegram ordered him brought on at Mr. Ross's expense. Harford started with him. The only hair is brown, not fair; the only difference observable.

—A hen was recently found in the middle of a hay-mow in a barn in Fe[illegible] which had been there six months, without water or anything to eat except what hay was put in the barn, the hen not get out. Her [illegible] and [illegible] grown half an inch during the time, her size was greatly reduced. When [illegible] out in the open air the hen [illegible] with every symptom of a fit, but she [illegible] ly recovered, and is now doing well.

—At noon Wednesday a stranger [illegible] ed the Indiana National Bank of [illegible] olis, carrying a large box wrapped paper and fastened by cords. [illegible] the bank were behind the counter, the rear part of the room and out of sight. The man deposited the box on floor, jumped upon it, and reaching the counter railing grabbed a number packages of bills and escaped. The claims the loss to be fully $30,000; reward of $5,000 is offered for the arrest the thief and return of the money.

—We do not find these weddings [illegible] in the society journals: James Peg[illegible] a Raleigh prison for stabbing Mo[illegible] who lived across the street, through him through the bars of his cell w[illegible] They became engaged, and their wed[illegible] was held in jail, where the happy [illegible] are now spending the honeymoon. [illegible] Baltimore an aged German went to the [illegible] tic asylum, picked out a woman among the wild patients, and married her. He explained that his previous wife had been crazy, and he had liked her so well that he wanted another.

—The Virginia City (Nev.) [illegible] says that a large iron water pipe is [illegible] up through the steeple to the [illegible] of the Roman Catholic church in that place. The pipe then takes the form of the cross, behind which it is hidden, and from holes perforated at proper [illegible] jets are sent up. From the top of the [illegible] and from the end of each arm [illegible] streams ascend to the height of [illegible] twenty-five feet, and between them [illegible] thrown up a great number of smaller [illegible] Last evening the numerous jets were [illegible] in the shape of a fan. The rays of the [illegible] clining sun fell upon the jets and [illegible] just the proper angle to light up and bring out the whole in a beautiful [illegible] glow, which surrounded the [illegible] cross like a glory. This novel [illegible] was not constructed for mere show [illegible] It is intended for use in case of fire [illegible] ing out of a large fire as a protection to the spire and the roof.

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DAY, - MARCH 30, 1877.

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adies all say M. L. Oatman keeps nest store and the best and cheapest town.

severe snow storms this winter so far. se that's the kind of a counter John ularity is.

Clearfield county calf was recently and killed by a large eagle. No to "calf" McPike.

ot it about time for cabbage seed, ingers" and such like, to be put in ttle beds. Lettuce see to this.

Murphy army in northern Cambria anders nearly if not quite eleven hun- with several townships yet to hear

blessing to humanity is what Dr. Cough Syrup can well be termed, for done more good already than any other

know by the smoke that so gracefully that some one was quietly enjoying 5 Long Cut of W. & D. Rinehart,

presume the equinoctial storm is and we know from experience as warning that it is equally noxious to

y's not surprising that W. & D. Rine- 5 Long Cut is monopolizing pub- and when we consider that it is made of best material.

some people whose ideas are about two more in an oyster may sneer, but sen- choose W. & D. Rinehart's No. 1 ing Tobacco.

The Star Spangled Banner in triumph ures, and as long as it continues to e popularity of W. & D. Rinehart's Navy will increase.

we think of it, the more in- seems to be, that all who are fond Chewing Tobacco, should demand Rinehart's Peerless Navy.

ason of the season put in an on Friday morning last, and the ind greeted us with its cheerful Sunday morning following. ing and disagreeable weather as one or two brief exceptions, been ed in this latitude during the past

rather a strange thing to say of ing but it is true none the less that can take a change ere long liquor the community will soon be num- among the lost arts.

Friday (to-day) is a legal holiday the assassination of President having prompted the passage by a law to that effect. Is House prepared to say nay to

Johnstown *Tribune* inadvertently in its issue of Monday that Ar- Court would be held here in two from Tuesday last. Of course it ay one week from the time indi- is Tuesday next, April 3d.

and Ryan is not a man, we take it, be very much scared by a dis- of a mere, especially if the muzzles pointed in his direction, but the Cannon went off (the train) the may must have startled him a good

little child of Mr. Koenig, of Cone- ough, was badly scalded on Tues- ning last by upsetting a pot of boil- upon its person, and the loss of sight of one eye, if not a worse fate, is quite probable as a result of its

Johnstown *Voice and Echo*, after a existence of several years, has at ast failed to give up the ghost. We that Mr. Campbell, who has the energy ility of properly directed, to make a paying job, will strike a better streak

Leigher Jones, of the *Herald*, is once to the third time within a month or ed to his house with that excruci- ache, the quinsy, from an attack of from which he has scarcely yet re-covered. ainly we sympathize with our ellow we need not tell.

Wednesday of last week a small blu- appeared on one of the fingers of of Altoona named Rob't Hall, ed during some what in size broke ing sore, which soon after morti- ion, culminated in the death of on a day or two ago.

ing to some illegality in the selection the entire panel was quashed in ebensburg County Court last week, and the trial of A. C. Mullin, ers for alleged conspiracy to as well as all other business in Quarter Sessions, went over until next

were sorry indeed to learn that Capt. Woodruff, late of the Johnstown *Dem-* is now suffering the torments of rheumatism, and that a little of Mr. L. D. Woodruff, editor and of the paper referred to, is lying with no hopes whatever for

The dwelling house of Joseph Vogle, in ge, with nearly all its contents, ed by fire, communicated from a on Tuesday morning. Mr. is not stated by the *Standard*, ich we glean the above facts, but as ge insurance of $1,000 it is fair to here he can stand it.

The boss butcher of our town, "Uncle" ald, has something to say in a card ppears which cannot fail to interest the ers of this community. Joe seldom serve up the best beef in the market, his particular instance he announces ability to provide even himself in that par- ar. Give Joe a call and see how it is

Mr. Thomas H. Heist of Johnstown, re- to the contrary notwithstanding, has ssession of the Mountain House, in place, which, we understand, he designs ge and repairing to some extent forth- Mr. Heist is said to have had consid- experience in the hotel business, and no doubt fully maintain the well earned ation of the house of which he has just charge.

Patrick Maghan, of Woodvale, this coun- son of Demetrius A. Maghan, deceased, Johnstown, who many years ago published per in Tyrone called the *Iron Democrat*, ich was well known in his lifetime to ers everybody in Cambria county, re- ed to his farm the other day from an estate in ania left him by his father, and with the ney in his pocket, we presume, started for ska, in the Lone Star State, on Friday morning last.

The Altoona *Globe* tells of a young man ed Sam Miller, only seventeen years of who came to that city from the vicinity Ryan's Mills on Saturday, March 17, and ing himself outside of an inordinate of bad whiskey, missed the train and lay somewhere all night, the result his exposure was that he caught a cold, which culminated in death on Monday afternoon. A sad warning to ose unfortunates who cannot control ncies for strong drink.

Mr. John Fitzharris, for the past four as proprietor of the Crawford House in has taken up his line of march this for Hollidaysburg, where, as our read- are already aware, he has purchased and will henceforth to run the well known Logan House, which we trust will prove a big bonanza to its new and enter- proprietor. When any of our readers ave occasion to need scarcely advise to hang up their hats at the Logan we are sure the best of treat- will be vouchsafed them.

—Mr. Thomas Kinney, of Wilmore, recently purchased from Mr. Henry Topper, of Adams township, a heifer two years and ten months old which weighed 1210 pounds. A whopping young bovine that, we take it, and if Tom should happen to send us a steak off it when he slaughters the "critter," as he intends doing if he has not already done it in time to serve up at his meat market in Wilmore for Easter consumption, we will not forget to tell how sweet and toothsome the meat was. Selah ‖

—Wills of rich men all remind us we cannot make our wills endure; but, departing, must leave behind us pickings for the lawyers poor. Still there's few need fret about it, since the stuff to will is rare, though the chance, don't doubt it, to save money is still quite fair; and the surest way to do it, and one that never fails at all, is to buy your made-up clothing at Godfrey Wolff's great Clothing Hall, which, as all who read this ditty have oft been told before, is on Twelfth street, in Altoona city, near the big post-office—in fact, above it just one door.

—We should have acknowledged several weeks ago the receipt of three phonographic pencils from the American Lead Pencil Co., Nos. 483 and 485 Broadway, N. Y., but trust it is not too late to do so yet, especially as we have fully tested the qualities of the various samples and are therefore better prepared than we would otherwise have been to pronounce them what they really are, the best pencils we have ever used, Faber's not even excepted. We trust that the A. L. P. Co. will let us know the price per dozen, as we are anxious to obtain a supply for office use.

—That ever welcome and always interesting little journal, the Huntingdon *Local News*, (semi-weekly,) has just entered upon the fourth year of its existence with every indication not only of a long life still before it, but with the avowed intention to enlarge its dimensions at an early day if the necessary encouragement is forthcoming, which we sincerely hope will be promptly given. The *Local News* well deserves to live and prosper, not only because it is a spirited and wide awake newspaper, but because its editors are as thorough gentlemen as it has ever been our good fortune to meet.

—Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, A. J. Rhey and J. Todd Hutchinson, of this place, made application, a week or so ago, to the Commissioners of Fisheries for a number of black bass and brook trout, with which to stock the dams and streams in this vicinity. In reply, Hon. B. L. Hewitt wrote to the gentlemen named that the Commissioners, of which he is one, would endeavor to send about fifty black bass and from one thousand to twelve hundred brook trout from the State hatching house at Donegal, near Marietta, in the course of a few days. All which our piscatorial friends will be glad to learn and profit by in due course of time.

—Messrs. Scott Williams and Charley Laterner, of this place, struck a bee line for Kansas on Monday morning last, and have ere this, no doubt, reached their destination, but whether to be rejoiced or disappointed in the hopes they entertained of finding something to do the future alone can determine. Mr. Williams, who by the way is a married man, has a practical knowledge of the printing business, and is not by any means a slow coach at one or two other trades, but, like his companion, he proposes to turn his hand to anything that offers, and being industrious and frugal, we earnestly hope that both will succeed in striking a good streak in the great West.

—The store room of James McConnell, at Puzzletown, Blair county, caught fire about eleven o'clock on Saturday night last, and before the flames were overcome the building and goods were damaged to the extent of $1,000, with insurance enough to cover the loss. It puzzles the people of Puzzletown to determine the origin of the fire—whether it was caused by spontaneous combustion or was the work of an incendiary—but as a big dog confined in the store was found dead after the fire had been extinguished, the Hollidaysburg *Standard* considers the latter theory the most plausible one, though it deems it possible, if not probable, that the dog died from suffocation.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* says that on last Friday night Mr. Wm. Giffin, a watchman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, heard his dog barking vociferously, at the roadside, in the vicinity of the deep cut, near the old tunnel and going to the place discovered a large wild-cat perched on a tree. Mr. Giffin, not having a gun with him, set about devising means to bring the animal to the ground, but before this could be accomplished, a train of cars passed along the track and the dog was caught under the wheels and killed, and the wily cat taking advantage of the circumstance descended from the tree, and escaped. This species of game is said to be quite numerous in that locality.

—Spring would indeed be gloomy weather if we had nothing else but Spring, and especially such a Spring as the present one is, when the frigidity of the atmosphere forbids while a desire to serve their customers and push things generally prompts our energetic merchant friends, Myers & Lloyd, to astonish the natives with an array of seasonable goods such as they know full well how to select and sell to the pecuniary advantage and entire satisfaction of all who deal with them. And yet M. & L. are not without an abundant stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., with which to supply the wants of all, and for which none but the lowest possible prices are invariably asked.

—The leap from the train on Thursday last of David M. Cannon, the escaped prisoner, was not the first leap for liberty made by that bold and desperate young outlaw. While an inmate of the House of Refuge, whither he was sent from the Johnstown District Court a few years ago, Cannon managed in some way to get on top of the yard inclosure of that institution and from there jumped to the ground beneath, a distance of fully twenty-six feet, or three feet more than the height of the wall surrounding the jail in this place. He succeeded on that as on this occasion in making good his escape, and was never afterwards, we believe, returned to the House of Refuge.

—Wearisome Winter, the boorish old chap, is *sternly* ensconced in the ponderous lap of fickle some Spring, the coyish young maid, who to give him the sack is too much afraid, though humanity's tired, in fact bored to death, with his untimely presence and cold, chilling breath, which deters not a few, it must be confessed, from calling on Murphy with a view to invest in a suit of Spring clothing, of which the finest neatest and best, at the lowest of prices, which none can contest, is now open and ready for the inspection of all, at Murphy's cheap store, well known as Star Hall. No. 169 Clinton street, Johnston; that's the place—don't forget it.

—D. M. Zimmerman, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, has placed us under obligations for a pass over said road, good until the 31st of December, 1877, for which compliment our thanks are hereby tendered to the gentleman named. When it is considered, however, that the C. & A. R. R. extends from Camden to Atlantic City, a famous seaside watering place, the question naturally arises, of what earthly use can a pass in that direction be to a country editor who can hardly afford to stay at home, much less go on a pleasure excursion to the "deep sounding sea." Still, there is no telling but what some enterprising hotelist down that way may yet tender us the hospitalities of his house free gratis for nothing; in which event we will be all "hunki-dori" for a good time at Atlantic City when the dog star rageth.

—A young man named James C. Darby, a resident of Conemaugh borough, attempted to get on a moving freight train, eastward bound, near Conemaugh Furnace, seven and a-half miles below Johnstown, on Tuesday afternoon last, but his head coming in contact with the box of the car he was endeavoring to mount, he was thrown to the track and his right arm falling across the rail one or two of the wheels passed over it just above the elbow and crushed it in a shocking manner. The young man was cared for at the time as could best be done by the railroad employees, and was brought home the same day, where amputation near the shoulder of the wounded member was soon after successfully accomplished by Dr. W. B. Lowman. The unfortunate victim of this sad mishap is a sober, industrious and virtuous young man, and for these good qualities especially he has the earnest sympathies of all in his great misfortune. To the Johnstown *Tribune* of Wednesday we are, it is proper to say, indebted for the above facts.

ESCAPED FROM THE SHERIFF.—In a portion of our edition last week we noticed the fact that David M. Cannon, one of the parties sentenced to the penitentiary at the recent term of our county court for burglary and larceny, had succeeded in escaping from the custody of Sheriff Ryan by jumping from the car in which he and the other prisoners were being conveyed to that institution, on Thursday morning of last week, while the train was under full headway a short distance west of Cresson. The Sheriff, after reaching Pittsburgh and consigning the other prisoners to the penitentiary, was interviewed by a reporter of the *Dispatch*, who succeeded in eliciting from him the following account of Cannon's escape and his subsequent adventures with the other desperadoes under his charge:

John G. Hassinger, larceny, one year; James Goggin, burglary and larceny, one year; John Williams, larceny, two years and six months; Patrick Boucher, burglary and larceny, three years; David McDevitt, larceny, two years, and David M. Cannon, burglary and larceny, three years.

Cannon, the party who escaped, is but eighteen years of age. He was sitting in the seat with Boucher, to whom he was handcuffed, while Goggin and McDevitt were fettered together at the wrists, and Hassinger and Williams constituted the remaining couple. The Sheriff and prisoners occupied a special car, and at Cresson it was attached to the Pacific Express west.

About a mile this side of Cresson, just when the train was approaching the block signal station, a brakesman unlocked and fastened the rear door of the Sheriff's car. He did not relock the door, but passed through. Scarce had he disappeared when Cannon arose in his seat and made a break for the rear door. The Sheriff had been watching him, and was after him in an instant, but Boucher jumped into the aisle, in the way of the Sheriff, and as he approached caught him by the throat, breaking the flesh with his finger nails, and attempted to throw him. The Deputy Sheriff ran to the door at the other end of the car to guard it, and Sheriff Ryan, who is quite powerful, soon succeeded in throwing Boucher down. He held him with one hand and reaching for the bell rope, signaled the engineer to stop. The rope did not work, however, and the brakeman had to go to the next car forward to signal.

Cannon, on reaching the platform, leaped therefrom while the train was running at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, and although he fell on his head, he regained his feet immediately and started to run through the woods. Some trackmen saw him leap, and they are of the opinion that he was pretty severely hurt. The train ran a considerable distance beyond the signal station before it was stopped, and the Deputy Sheriff telegraphed to Sheriff Ryan to go back and institute search for the prisoner.

At Johnstown, Deputy Sheriff McDermott, was taken into the car, and a wire which was used by Cannon in opening his "bracelets" was turned over to him. It is a piece of thin wire, bent at the end, while the other end is rolled into a coil, and serves the purpose of a handle.

It is supposed that Cannon got it up; indeed, his companion, Boucher, admitted that Cannon had prepared it, and that it was arranged that McDevitt and Goggin and Cannon and himself should be released. Cannon then unlocked his bracelets by inserting the wire into the cuffs and sliding the ratchet, and Boucher was then to unlock his. The key was to be transferred to McDevitt, and when he and Goggin had released themselves a break was to be made, and the escape completed by an assault upon the Sheriff and his deputy.

Once on the way down from Ebensburg McDevitt tried to escape through one of the windows, but the design was frustrated, and when Boucher assaulted the Sheriff, and attempted to choke him, one of the other desperadoes suddenly appeared with a large piece of pipe composed of lead and lead, with which he attempted to strike the Sheriff. For a time the situation was a thrilling one, and looked as though the four rascals would effect their release, but Boucher, McDevitt, and Goggin appear to have weakened, when the Sheriff displayed so much coolness, and desisted in their attempts to overpower him.

The rascals stated to the Sheriff that they found the piece of pipe referred to in the car, but this is not believed, and the Sheriff thinks that it was furnished the prisoners by some of their friends before leaving Ebensburg.

The prisoner, Boucher, states that the attempt planned by which four were to escape, would have been carried out had it not been for the haste of Cannon, who, while Boucher was unlocking the cuff on his wrist, observed the brakeman enter and leave the door open.—Here was his chance, and he availed himself of it, leaving post haste and shouting through the car as he passed the platform over her.

The other five prisoners were brought to the city and conveyed to the penitentiary in a carriage.

REMODERED RAILROAD CHANGES.—Statements have been published to the effect that Mr. G. Clinton Gardner, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been assigned to take charge of the Texas Pacific Railroad; that Mr. Robert Pitcairn, Superintendent of the Western Division, is to succeed Mr. Gardner, with headquarters at Altoona; and that Mr. Philips, Resident Engineer, is to take Mr. Pitcairn's place. The changes alluded to, with several others which might be named, have been rumored for weeks past, and are still based upon rumor, as no official announcement has been made of any change, present or prospective. The gentlemen named are all at their respective posts, as we learned last evening from a prominent official of the road.—*Commercial Gazette.* There is no truth whatever in the above rumors; at least there is no notice of it at railroad headquarters in this city. We have been informed that the duties of Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Second Vice-President of the P. R. R., will be extended over the Texas and Pacific as President in place of Col. Scott, and Hon. John Reilly will resume his old position as Superintendent of Transportation; Mr. P. F. Smith, now Acting Superintendent, will be assigned a position of importance not as yet designated. Mr. Pitcairn will remain in charge of the Pittsburgh Division and Mr. Gardner will remain in his present position as General Superintendent, statements and rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.—*Altoona Mirror.*

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—Hen fruit seems to be almost as scarce as hen's teeth about this time.

MacShane Redivivus.

FRIEND MAC—I cannot refrain from scribbling; so you will pardon me, Harry, if I again resume my encroachment on the columns of the FREEMAN. I shall this week give you some of my experiences of a

TRIP TO POTTSVILLE.

I left "ye ancient village" by sleigh, fearing that the branch road might close, as it was snowing at a fearful rate just then, and the Johnstown *Tribune* had threatened three several times to have it closed by the snow, and about as often within the past fortnight declared that it was closed.

Took Atlantic Express at Cresson at 5 P. M. Supped at Altoona, and reached Harrisburg at 11 at night. Was compelled to "lie over" till eight next morning, for the first Reading train. Went to Bolton's and found that a mob of Assemblymen had just subsided. Fortunately no lives were lost. And here let me suggest the propriety of the general government having a body of U. S. soldiers at Harrisburg, as it now has at Columbia and *New Orleans*. Certainly if the same occurrences had taken place in either of the two cities last named a body of soldiers would undoubtedly have been on hand to keep the peace, and a commission of citizens would have been sent along to ask Mr. Pinkston or some other darkey whose fault it was.

I spent a very pleasant night in Harrisburg, however. Bolton himself is a *host*. Met many old friends and wanted to meet *Moore*. Met our Representatives from little Cambria, whose conduct and standing is good—good as the best. They passed my little bill—at the Bolton House.

I shall say nothing about Harrisburg. Your readers all know more about it already than does them good. So I shall leave it—as I did on Tuesday morning, in the Reading train, Lebanon Valley R. R. This road, passing as it does through territory not much explored by any of your readers, nor indeed by myself, I concluded to make observations. This road runs in an easterly direction from Harrisburg, and after passing through the southern part of Dauphin and the centre of Lebanon, enters Berks county near Womelsdorf and connects with the Phila. and Reading R. R. at Reading, which road it intersects at right angles.

My fellow passengers, like much the larger portion of the people living along the line of this road, are of the old Pennsylvania German persuasion. They are quiet and sententious, not often using an unnecessary word. Even the three taps (clink! clink! clink!) given in the inspection of a car-wheel on the P. R. R., is reduced to a single tap on this road.

The men are nearly all stout and thick set, inclining to corpulence, while the ladies have a still greater tendency to *embonpoint*. You don't catch any of them reading "the latest novel" in the cars. Of the five ladies in the car I occupied *three* had "brought their knitting along" while the other two, more literary, had each a German almanac which they seemed to be "spelling" with a view to discover the proper time for planting garden seeds.

They are not very *newsy* on this road. I asked the conductor for a morning paper. He said there were none on the train, but the newsboy would get on at Lebanon. He did get on at that place, and approached me with an armful of papers, but there was not a morning paper among them. I selected "Frank Leslie" as the newest looking one he had; price 15 cents. On opening it I found it an old acquaintance that I had met in Ebensburg a month before. On the first page was a picture of Louisiana Returning Board in black and white, and on opening the paper I found portraits of the 8 to 7 commission which elected Hayes. On looking at the date I found it "February 17, 1877."

I called the boy and asked him why he charged me fifteen cents for a paper more than a month old. He answered me very *naively* that it was its age and consequent scarcity that made it so dear. He declined to take it back on that or any other account, however. In disgust I threw it from me on the floor, but I was not to get rid of it so easily. For when I left the car at Reading the conductor followed me a square, with a "Frank" in one hand, and informed me that I had "left part of my baggage in the car." I replied that his honesty demanded proper recognition, and thereupon generously donated the paper to him.

In passing through Lebanon county, I kept a look out for the "Big Spring" and "Big Tunnel" that I had read about in the good book, but they had all been chopped down, and nothing but the bare fields met my eye.

I spent a very pleasant night in Lancaster

How to get Rid of Household Pests.

A correspondent of the *Scientific American* says: I have not seen a bed bug or a flea in my house for many years. If an army of them were to be brought in mercury would speedily exterminate them; but I think cleanliness the best and perhaps the only preventive. The common house fly I do not molest, believing that it more than compensates for its trouble by clearing the atmosphere of effluvia and the animalcules which always arise from the putrefaction of decaying substances during warm weather.

So also with the birds, which are quite numerous during the summer. Instead of shooting them or setting up scarecrows to frighten them away, I throw out every possible inducement for them to build their nests in my fruit trees. The birds capture a large share of the insects in the larva state, and thus the millers are prevented from depositing eggs for future worms. As to the loss of fruit by the birds, the latter are always sure to be on hand in force in the season of ripe fruit, whether they come early to take the worms or not.

For the residue of insects which infest my vegetable garden, I find that the laboratory of the chemist furnishes materials fatal to them all, among which the white hellebore and cayenne pepper are of the most utility. The bug or worm which cannot find vegetation unflavored with these articles will seek its breakfast elsewhere and leave a garden undisturbed.

A few drops of Carbolic acid in a pint of water will clean house plants from lice in a very short time. If mosquitoes or other blood suckers infest our sleeping rooms at night, we uncork a bottle of pennyroyal, and these insects leave in great haste, nor will they return so long as the air in the room is loaded with the fume of that aromatic herb. If rats enter the cellar, a powdered potash thrown into their holes, or mixed with meal and scattered in their runaways, never fails to drive them away.

Cayenne pepper will keep the buttery and storerooms free from ants and cockroaches. If a mouse makes an entrance into any part of your dwelling, saturate a rag with cayenne in solution and stuff it into a hole, which can be repaired with either wood or mortar. No rat or mouse will eat that rag for the purpose of opening communication with the depot of supplies.

An exchange says: "A universal pest, in city houses, at least, is the roach, and here we have a secret for our housekeeping readers, which they will thank us for revealing, namely, the secret of getting rid of roaches without using any poisonous substance in their extermination. It is only necessary to use pulverized borax pretty freely wherever the roaches live. Throw it into the cracks, scatter it on the shelves under their paper covers, and in drawers and other haunts of the roaches, and within a week it will puzzle an entomologist to discover even the fossil remains of a roach at your house. Nothing could be more cleanly than this alkaline compound, and it is held in abhorrence only by roaches, red ants and other like creatures, whose disapproval is a compliment to it."

Something About the Ant.

Not content with having destroyed some traditional beliefs on the subject of bees, Sir John Lubbock is now attacking the reputation of the ant. According to Sir John, it would appear that the different species of ants—and there are about 700—"have strongly contrasted moral characteristics." Some are distinguished by bravery, some by cowardice, some are industrious, some are strikingly idle. They are too lazy even to feed themselves or clean themselves, and Sir John Lubbock found that to keep them alive it was necessary to put a few slaves for an hour or two every day into the case in which they were confined, in order that their domestic arrangements might be attended to. They are said to be very stupid with regard to locality. Sir John Lubbock has tried putting a store of food to be reached by passing over little cardboard bridges and he found that slightly shifting a bridge baffled them. They never tried to push the bridge, or even to make use of a supply of flour mould put ready to help them fill the gap. They "crammed" at a jump of about one third of an inch, and preferred going a circuit of eighteen feet, just as a cautious rider to hounds might make a detour of several fields to take advantage of a line of gates. It is a mistake, too, to suppose that ants will take care of a distressed friend. Sir John Lubbock tried just covering an ant with mould where many were passing and repassing. Not one took any notice of him. They have, however, a singular power of recognizing each other, as was tested by placing thirty intoxicated friends in company with thirty intoxicated strangers together in a nest. The ants were at first much puzzled with the sad spectacle. However, twenty of the friends were taken into the nest, five were thrown into the water, and others neglected. On the other hand, twenty four of the thirty strangers were thrown into the water at once, and of the six taken into the nest by mistake, four were afterwards found to be strangers, and were then taken out and thrown into the water also.

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